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Mr. Terry A. Sweitzer, PE  
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Division of Air Pollution Control  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
2200 Churchill Road  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Sweitzer:

A permit to operate a "flusher/tester" dated 5/22/87 was recently received (copy attached).

This is quite disturbing due to the fact that a request was submitted on 2/27/87 (copy attached) to cancel the operating permit (copy attached) for the unit since the VOC was replaced with water.

Prior to 2/27/87 a solvent was used in the unit. The process pumped the solvent thru a short piece of hose and then blew air thru the hose to "dry it" (Flushing is required to meet a customer's specification for clean hose). The solvent was contained in a reservoir (tank) from which the pump took suction and into which the solvent was returned. An exhaust fan kept a negative pressure on the reservoir to keep solvent fumes from escaping to the manufacturing environment.

A person from your office reviewed the 2/27/87 application and tried to convince me that some pollutants were still discharged and a permit was still required. He asked me to write a letter so indicating.

I do not agree that any pollutants are discharged to the atmosphere from this unit and repeat my original request: please cancel the operating permit for this hose flusher unit.

Further, it is my interpretation that the pollution site fee requested in your letter is NOT DUE since no permits have been issued to the plant after 1/1/86.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Karger  
Manager, PEPP

cc: John Noonan - Galesburg  
Chuck Buchna - Galesburg  
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